

Appl No. 10/071,786
Response dated January 5, 2006
Reply to Office Action of Oct. 19, 2005

REMARKS

This is a response to the Office Action dated October 19, 2005. Claims 1-20 are in the case. The Examiner indicates that all 20 claims are rejected. This is a final rejection.

The Examiner indicates that the claims are rejected in view of the Kalen patent 4,693,389.

The claims have been amended to point out that the locking members each are attached to the plate that is affixed to and rotates with the internal shaft. Also, each claim has a restriction that each locking member rotates: 1) relative to the plate and 2) about the shaft - restrictions not found in Kalen.

In Kalen, separate "pivot pins" 60 extend transversely through the body 12 to support the pawls 18. The Examiner calls for part 26 to be the "plate" (see page 4 of the Office Action). However, the plate is now claimed to be attached to the shaft. "Plate" 26 is not attached to the actuator screw 16 (see figure 5). In some claims (e.g. 3 and 5) note that the locking members rotate in a plane generally perpendicular to the tool central longitudinal shaft whereas in Kalen they do not.

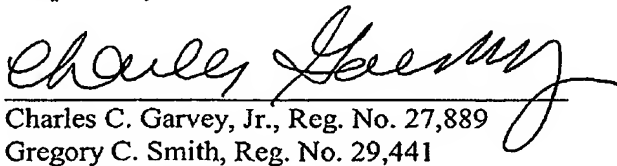
Based upon the above comments, reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance is hereby respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for any extension of time necessary to render this paper timely.

Please charge any additional fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0694.

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